FUNDACIÓN **TOTAÍ**

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026



GREETINGS FROM FUNDACIÓN TOTAÍ!

Trinidad, Bolivia

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the ministry here in Trinidad, Bolivia.

Over the past three months, we have been greatly encouraged by all that God has been doing through Fundación Totaí, and we hope this newsletter gives you a sense of that same encouragement and blessing.

We give thanks to God for the part you play in this ministry. Through your support and prayers, we are able to provide much-needed care, practical support and love to people in our community and beyond, whilst sharing the good news of Jesus.



ACADEMIA

FUTSAL ACADEMY

We are delighted with the progress of the Futsal Academy. Our teams continue to compete in local leagues, with the knockout stages approaching.

In the coming months, we plan to launch an Under-9s team, expanding our existing Under-11s, Under-12s and Under-13s teams. A particular highlight has been seeing our ten-year-old goalkeeper, Efrian, and coach Paolo selected to represent the Beni region in a week-long national futsal tournament in Santa Cruz. Teams from all nine departments of Bolivia took part, bringing together young players from across the country.



The Beni region team battled their way to the final, narrowly losing 4–3 to finish as national runners-up. We are incredibly proud of Efrian, whose talent and dedication to futsal are being recognised on a national stage. This is a fantastic achievement for both Efrian and the Academy.

EXPANDING INTO FOOTBALL

For the first time in ten years, the Academy has launched an 11-a-side football team in the Under-13s category. As the club grows, this is an important step in creating opportunities for more boys to participate. Whereas futsal typically allows only eight or nine players to take part on match day, football can involve 15 or 16.

For many of the boys, this is their first experience of playing 11-a-side football and being part of a football team. They are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity and developing their skills and understanding of the game each week.



GROWING BEYOND THE PITCH



Our work extends beyond sport. On Wednesday afternoons, Ruddy Arauz, the administrator of Fundacion Totaí, leads a new life group where the boys explore some of life's challenging questions, take part in activities that develop their thinking skills, and consider what the Gospel teaches us about different aspects of life. Many of the boys are entering a crucial stage of their development, yet do not always have the guidance and support they need. We are grateful for our dedicated team, who are committed to walking alongside them and helping them navigate these formative years.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

With the school year ending in just two months, some boys are facing the risk of falling behind academically, often reflecting the challenges they experience at home. Through our educational programme, Aprendemos Juntos (Learning Together), our teacher Ovidia works with these pupils three days a week, reviewing their schoolwork, reinforcing subjects they find difficult and helping them with their homework. This additional support is particularly important for those at risk of failing the school year. Our aim is to help them catch up, build confidence in their learning and give them a better chance of progressing successfully.



GROWING SKILLS, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Over the past three months, our Women's Craft Group has continued to grow, with participants developing new skills, sharing ideas and supporting one another. They have recently started making flowers using different materials, and it has been encouraging to see new women joining the group.

A key aim is to help participants turn their skills into opportunities to earn an income for their families. On 20 September, the group took part in a local fair, where they were able to display and sell their handmade products. It was a valuable experience that encouraged them to keep creating and showed how their skills can help support their household finances.

The group is now preparing for its annual celebration in December, where they will have the opportunity to showcase their work and celebrate everything they have learned together.

We are grateful to everyone who supports this group, helping these women grow in confidence, develop new skills and create opportunities for themselves and their families.



HEALTH CENTRE

SHARING HOPE WHILE WE WAIT

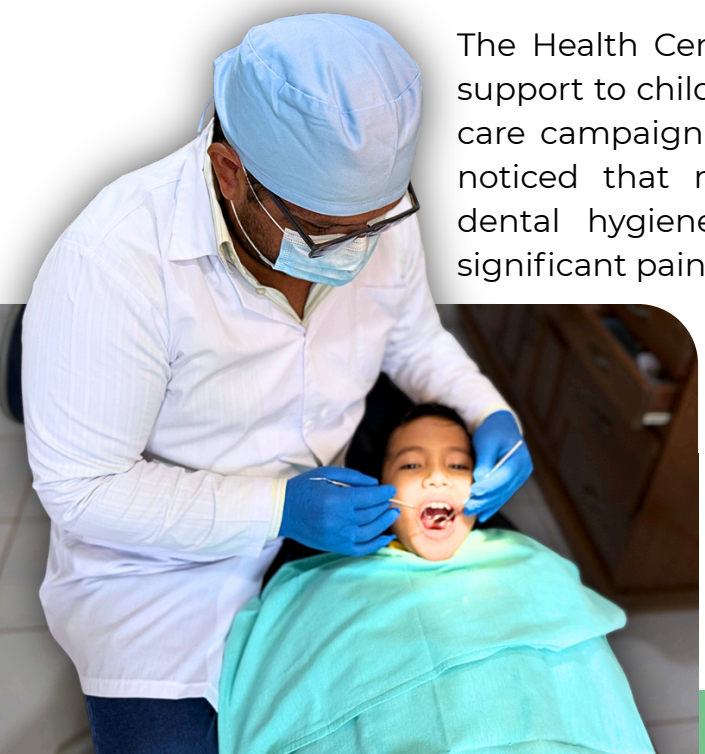


One area in which we are always looking to grow is how we share the Gospel with those who visit the Health Centre. With so many patients waiting to be seen, face-to-face conversations can sometimes be brief, making it challenging to go deeper.

We therefore want to make the most of every opportunity, including the time patients spend in the waiting room.

Recently, we installed a television displaying Christian content throughout the day, including videos from The Bible Project. This gives patients the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus and learn more about His love, mercy and grace while they wait. In just a few weeks, the videos have already sparked a number of conversations, and we pray these will continue to open doors for meaningful conversations between patients and our medical staff.

HEALTHY SMILES FOR OUR CHILDREN



The Health Centre has also been able to provide practical support to children in our community through a free dental care campaign. Through our various programmes, we had noticed that many children were struggling with poor dental hygiene. Untreated dental problems can cause significant pain and affect a child's ability to eat, concentrate in class and participate fully in daily life. Thanks to the work of our dentists, Dr Miguel Aaruz and Dr Alfredo Martinez, 10 children received free dental treatment, including extractions and fillings. We are grateful to be able to address these needs and help improve the health and wellbeing of children in our community.

EXPANDING OUR MEDICAL CARE

As the Health Centre continues to grow, we are always looking for ways to expand the range of affordable medical services available to the people of Trinidad. We are therefore delighted that, over the past month, we have been able to purchase a new electrocardiograph (ECG) machine, allowing us to expand the cardiac care available at Fundación Totaí. The new equipment, alongside a cardiologist who will see patients at the Health Centre throughout the week, means that people with heart problems can access specialist care locally and at an affordable cost. This is an exciting step forward in our commitment to providing accessible, quality medical care to our community.



A VISIT FROM

FIRST LOBO BAPTIST CHURCH

At the beginning of August, we were delighted to welcome six volunteers from First Lobo Baptist Church in London, Canada. Led by Craig and Amanda Cunningham, who previously served as missionaries at Fundación Totaí for nine years between 2009 and 2019, the team spent ten days serving alongside us.

During their visit, the team helped redecorate parts of the Health Centre and ran workshops for the community. The basketball course welcomed more than 30 children each day, including many girls, whilst around 15 women attended the biscuit-making and decorating course each day.



We are incredibly grateful to the whole team for giving their time, serving across our different ministries and building relationships within the community. Their visit was a real blessing to us and to the work of Fundación Totaí. We give thanks to God for the encouragement they brought and for the many opportunities they had to share the love of Jesus with those they met.



GET TO KNOW US!



Miguel Arauz – Dentist
Miguel has been working as a dentist at Fundación Totaí since 2004 (was part of the team that started the Fundacion in the beginning!). He enjoys connecting with people through his work and helping to meet their needs.
Prayer request: Pray for wisdom and patience as he cares for patients, and for good relationships with the people he serves.

Neyde Congo – Nurse
Neyde has worked at Clínica Totaí for 12 years. She enjoys helping patients and appreciates the opportunity to keep learning new things through her work.
Prayer request: Pray for her family, for her daughter who has lupus, and for the Clínica Totaí team and all its staff.





Clara Vaca – Nurse
Clara Elvira has worked at Fundación Totaí for 14 years. She enjoys caring for patients, helping to meet their needs and serving with compassion.
Prayer request: Pray for the opportunity to provide better care for patients, for the health of the team, and for the resources needed to continue serving the community.

Alexander Vargas – Director of Health Services
Alexander has worked at Fundación Totaí for 11 years. He enjoys caring for patients, helping to find solutions to health challenges in the community, and spending time reading and walking.
Prayer request: Pray for his children and parents, and for Fundación Totaí to fulfil its objectives and continue making a difference in the community.





Andrea Callisaya – Speech and Language Therapist
Andrea has worked at Fundación Totaí for almost 6 years, during which she has got to know many kind and welcoming people. She has learned that even when difficulties arise, solutions can always be found when people work together.
Prayer request: Pray for the health and well-being of everyone who works at or is part of Fundación Totaí and for her newborn daughter..

FUNDACIÓN
TOTAÍ

FoundationTotaí.org

+ 591 68960534

Calle Asaí- Urbanización Ampliación Sitraluz